

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1135 without my signature.

This bill requires written reports submitted to the Legislature to include a signed statement by the head of the agency or department that the contents of the report are true, accurate, and complete.

As I stated when I vetoed similar legislation last year, I agree that the Legislature should base their decisions on sound information that is true, accurate and complete. To that end, I noted that state law already makes it a misdemeanor for a state or local official to submit a written report containing false information to the State Controller. Further, the Legislature already has the authority to question the accuracy of any information presented to it.

Finally, this bill would create an inconsistent system in which some of the information submitted by the Administration is subject to declarations of truth while all other information used in the legislature's deliberative process is not.

For these reasons, I am again returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger